



The State of New Hampshire  
*Department of Environmental Services*



Michael P. Nolin  
Commissioner

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**LETTER OF DEFICIENCY #WSEB 04-163**  
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Subject: Center Harbor – Public Water System: Immaculate Conception School  
(EPA #0394010)

Dear Mr. Perez:

The records of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) show that Immaculate Conception School water system is classified as a public water system (PWS), as defined by RSA 485:1-a. A PWS is defined as any water system serving 15 or more services, or 25 or more people for 60 or more days per year. As such, the water system owner is required to submit samples to the State laboratory or a State-certified laboratory for coliform bacteria analysis in compliance with NH Administrative Rule Env-Ws 325.

DES records show that Standard Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) violations for total coliform bacteria, as defined in NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 315.01 have occurred and that letters of violation were issued for the following months:

**August 2004 and September 2004**

DES believes the MCL violations can be corrected and future violations prevented by taking the following actions:

1. **By October 11, 2004**, retain the services of a qualified water system consultant to address the system's water quality problems relative to the recent bacteriological occurrences; and
2. **By October 25, 2004**, submit to DES for review a copy of the consultant's report which shall include recommendations to correct the bacteria contamination; and
3. **By November 8, 2004**, submit to DES for review and approval an implementation schedule which identifies specific dates by which steps to correct the bacteria contamination will be accomplished.

**Please be reminded to carry out the public notice requirements and provide proof of public notice to DES for the September 2004 MCL violation.**

Pursuant to NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 352, the water system owner is required to issue to the system's customers a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) by July 1st of each year. Env-Ws 352 also requires the system owner to forward a copy of the CCR to DES by July 1st of each year **and to submit certification of the CCR to DES by October 1st of each year**. DES acknowledges receipt of a copy of the 2004 CCR on June 21, 2004. However, please be reminded to submit to DES the enclosed 2004 CCR Certification.

In the event compliance is not achieved within the above-referenced periods, DES may take further enforcement action, including issuing an order requiring the deficiencies be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding and/or referring the matter to the NH Department of Justice for imposition of appropriate penalties.

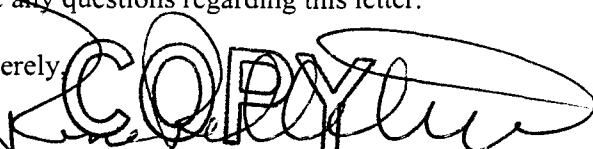
The consultant's written report, implementation schedule and CCR Certification as requested above should be addressed as follows:

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Water Supply Engineering Bureau  
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Concord, NH 03302-0095

For your information, Letter of Deficiency #WSEB 03-282 (LOD) was issued to the subject water system on October 29, 2003, for bacteria MCL violations incurred during the months of July 2002 and October 2003. A copy of the LOD is enclosed. WSEB issued a Letter of Closure on May 11, 2004, based on the submission of water sample results indicating the absence of total coliform bacteria. DES acknowledges receipt of a consultant's report from Gilford Well Company on November 19, 2003. However, WSEB did not receive an implementation schedule indicating what was done to correct the water system deficiencies as required.

Please contact Anne Bailey by phone at (603) 271-0672, or by e-mail at [abailey@des.state.nh.us](mailto:abailey@des.state.nh.us) if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Rene Pelletier, P.G., Manager  
Land Resource Programs

Enclosures: MCL public notice form  
Master Sampling Schedule  
2004 CCR Certification Form  
Letter of Deficiency #WSEB 03-282

cc: Gretchen R. Hamel, DES Legal Unit Administrator  
Town of Center Harbor Health Officer  
John Gilson, Primary Contact (w/enclosures)  
Norman Harris, III, Gilford Well Co., Primary Operator (w/enclosures)  
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